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OSMOND BURKE'S TOMB....JUST AS HE DESCRIBED IT IN HIS LETTER!
IF THE REST OF IT IS AS ACCURATE.... I'LL SOON MEET HIM....
OSMOND BURKE
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HIS LETTER PROMISES 10,000 POUNDS TO THE MAN WHO FOLLOWS HIS DIRECTIONS....
I HATE THESE LONDON FOGS.... THEY'RE SO....SO SPOOKY!
THE KEY FROM THE STRONGBOX FITS....THE DOOR IS OPENING!
NOW, SIR, IF YOU WILL INSERT THE LARGE BRASS KEY WHICH WAS IN MY STRONGBOX AND LIFT THE LID, YOU CAN PROCEED FURTHER....
M-MAYBE I SHOULD CLEAR OUT RIGHT NOW!
IT....IT'S AS THOUGH HE HAD DIED YESTERDAY!
A REAL KOOK, HEY? NO ONE NORMAL WOULD COME IN HERE AT MIDNIGHT AND OPEN A COFFIN CLOSED FOR NEARLY 80 YEARS! WHAT'S HERBERT RICE DOING NOW?
THE INSTRUCTIONS SAY TO LIGHT THREE CANDLES MADE OF BEESWAX....
NOW READ THE CHAPTER ON 'REINCARNATION'... ..UTTER NONSENSE, OF COURSE....
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I'M WASTING MY TIME! IF THERE ARE 10,000 POUNDS HERE, THEY'LL BE HIDDEN IN HIS COFFIN....I'LL SEARCH FOR IT AND THEN LEAVE!
THIS HERBERT RICE IS NOT ONLY A WEIRDO, HE'S DISHONEST!
NO MONEY HERE.... OSMOND BURKE LIED IN HIS LETTER!
NO DOUBT, YOU'VE SEARCHED FOR YOUR REWARD, HOPING TO STEAL IT WITHOUT CARRYING OUT YOUR PART OF THE BARGAIN! OF COURSE YOU FAILED TO FIND IT....YOU WILL BE PAID ONLY AFTER I HAVE BEEN REINCARNATED!
HMMM....HE ANTICIPATED ME! OH, WELL....I MAY AS WELL GO THROUGH WITH THE REST OF THE RITUAL!
THIS, THE SCROLL OF NICOLO, WILL RAISE HE WHO IS DEAD TO THE CONDITION OF LIFE ONCE MORE! MAMULO CRETO LILUANA! MAMULO CRETO LILUANA! MAMULO CRETO LILUANA!

IT SAYS WAIT TEN SECONDS....THEN, THE DEAD MAN WILL ASSUME LIFE ONCE MORE!
...SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE.. ...IT DIDN'T WORK!
THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE WRONG, FOOL! IT DID WORK!
I LIVE AGAIN....
....AND YOU REST IN MY PLACE IN THE COFFIN....THERE TO REMAIN FOREVER-MORE!
HUH? DOES HE MEAN WHAT WE THINK HE MEANS? DID HE, OSMOND BURKE, SOME-HOW SWITCH BODIES WITH HERBERT RICE?
THERE! REST IN PEACE, YOU WHO WERE HER-BERT RICE...NO ONE WILL DISTURB YOU THERE!
SLAM!
AAAAHHH....IT IS GOOD TO INHALE THE DAMP LONDON FOG ONCE MORE....
....TO FEEL GRASSES BENEATH MY FEET....TO REJOIN THE LIVING WORLD! LIFE WAS SO GOOD....
...I REFUSED TO ACCEPT DEATH WHEN I KNEW IT WAS MY TIME TO DIE!
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'ERE'S A TOFF NOW, 'ARRY!
LET ME DO 'IM IN WI' ME COSH!
STAND BACK, YOU SCOUNDRELS! BACK, I SAY!
BLIMEY, 'ARRY, 'E WON'T GIVE H'UP! 'IT 'IM ON THE 'EAD!
H'I'VE GOT 'IS WALLET, 'ARRY!
AND SO, HERBERT RICE IS INDOCTRINATED INTO THE *LIFE STYLE* OF THE '70'S.....
OUTRAGEOUS! WHERE ARE THE CONSTABULARY! SCOTLAND YARD SHALL HEAR ABOUT THIS!
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THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS DETERIORATED! WHERE IS IT? AHH.... BUT THAT CRUMBLING OLD SHELL CAN'T BE MY RESIDENCE!
I SHALL RESTORE IT TO ITS FORMER MAGNIFICENCE! I WILL NOT ACCEPT THIS!
GHASTLY! THE STINK OF FETID DECAY IS IN MY NOSTRILS.. ..FAR WORSE THAN THE STENCH OF THE GRAVE!
A NOISE..... SOMEONE ELSE IS HERE!
HOLD HIM CYRIL! DON'T KILL THE BLOKE OR WE'LL HAVE THE BOBBIES ON US! WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I..; GASP!... LIVE HERE!
THAT'S A LIE! THIS BUILDING'S BEEN EMPTY FOR YEARS!
O....I DID LIVE HERE A LONG TIME AGO! I OWNED THIS HOUSE!
I'LL LET THEM BEAT YOU TO A PULP IF YOU'RE LYING....AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY YOU CAN PROVE YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH!
ANYTHING.. ....I'LL DO ANYTHING!
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IF YOU OWNED THIS HOUSE....THEN YOU KNOW THE COMBINATION TO THAT SAFE!
N-NO....NOT THAT!
OPEN IT!!
HE DOES KNOW THE COMBINATION!
THIS WILL QUIET HIM DOWN AWHILE!
POOR OSMOND BURKE.... I'M AFRAID HE'S HAD RATHER AN UNHAPPY TIME IN THIS REINCARNATION!
OOOOHH.... MY HEAD!

ALL NIGHTS MUST END AND EVEN THIS END-LESS ONE FADES AWAY INTO A DISMAL DAWN AND OSMOND BURKE WALKS IN MODERN-DAY LONDON, TRYING TO RECOVER THE ORDINARY JOY OF BEING ALIVE!
READ ALL ABOUT IT! SMOG THREATENS TO SMOTHER EVERYBODY IN LONDON! ATOMIC WAR THREATENS TO WIPE OUT MANKIND!
WATCH IT, YA NUT!
WATCHER GAPIN' AT, YOU NERDO?
ONLY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER. OSMOND BURKE / HERBERT RICE STUMBLES BACK TO THE QUIET TOMB IN THE TINY LONDON CEMETERY! HURREDLY, HE LIGHTS THE CANDLES AND THEN TREMBLINGLY READS THE SCROLL OF NICOLO!
MAMULO CRETO LILUANA! MAMULO CRETO LILUANA! MAMULO CRETO LILUANA!
IT MUST WORK....I CAN'T ENDURE THIS ANY LONGER!
OSMOND BURKE'S PLAN TO ACHIEVE A SECOND LIFE WORKED PERFECTLY! WHAT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE WAS....A MAN OF HIS ERA COULD NOT TOLERATE LIFE IN OUR ENLIGHTENED AGE!
END

RETURN VISIT!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE 'GIGGLES' FLINN AND 'WHITEY' HASKER TWO OF THE COLDEST-HEARTED KILLERS THIS SIDE OF THE COBRA CAGE IN THE BRONX ZOO! BACK AROUND 1927 GIGGLES AND WHITEY WERE IN DEATH ROW IN A SOUTHERN PRISON WAITING TO WALK THE LAST MILE TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WHEN THEY FOUND A WAY OUT...THIS IS GIGGLES, USING A GUN HE JUST TOOK FROM A GUARD...
DON'T MISS, GIGGLES!
I GOTTA GET THAT LIGHT, WHITEY!
FLINN AND HASKER ARE ESCAPING!
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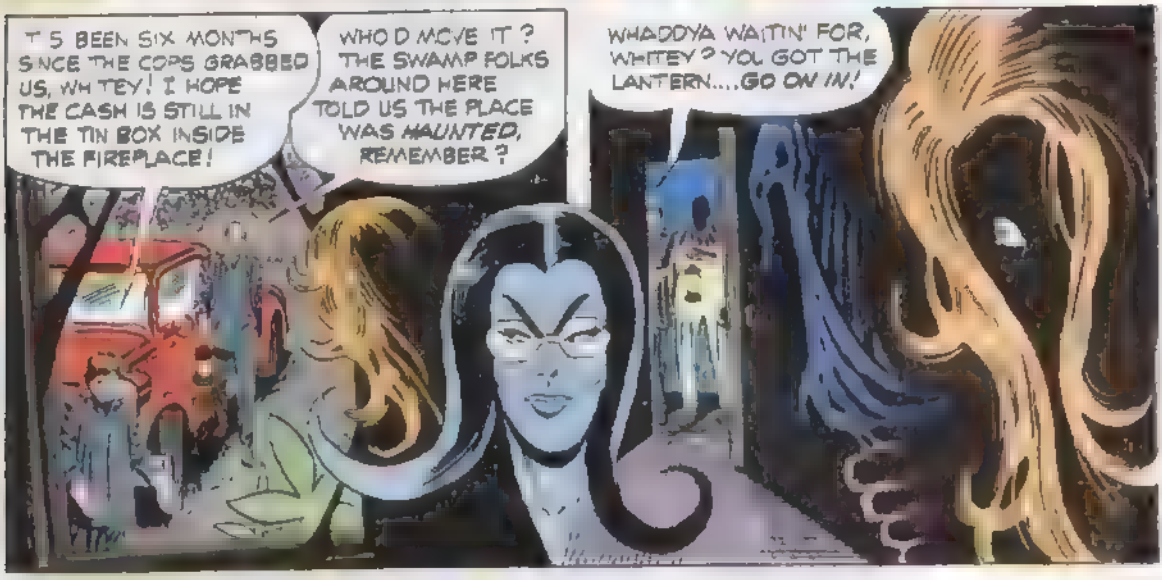
...ME ON GIGGLES, THE DOUGH WE HID IN FOSTER'S HOUSE IS WAITIN' FOR US!
WE HADDA WORK ON OLD MAN FOSTER FOR HOURS BEFORE HE SHOWED US THE HIDDEN DOUGH!
IT'S STILL THERE, GIGGLES! THE LAW COLLARED US BEFORE WE COULD GET AWAY!

OLD MAN FOSTER WENT AN' CROAKED ON US....THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE CALLED IT MURDER, GIGGLES....
YEAH, HE WAS HALF DEAD BEFORE I WENT TA WORK ON HIM! HEEHEE-HEE! WHEN GIGGLES FLYNN GOES TO WORK, THEY ALL TALK!


IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE THE COPS GRABBED US, WHITEY! I HOPE THE CASH IS STILL IN THE TIN BOX INSIDE THE FIREPLACE!
WHO'D MOVE IT? THE SWAMP FOLKS AROUND HERE TOLD US THE PLACE WAS HAUNTED, REMEMBER?
WHADDYA WAITIN' FOR, WHITEY? YOU GOT THE LANTERN....GO ON IN!

DUST ALL OVER EVERYTHING....NO FOOTPRINTS ON THE FLOOR, GIGGLES!
THE TIN BOX IS ON A LEDGE JUST UP INSIDE THE FIREPLACE GIGGLES! GRAB IT, AN' LET'S GET OUTTA THIS CREEP JOINT!

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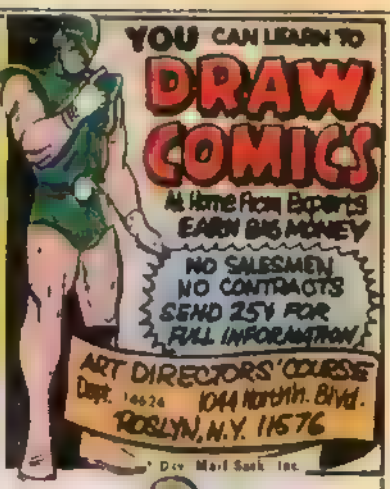

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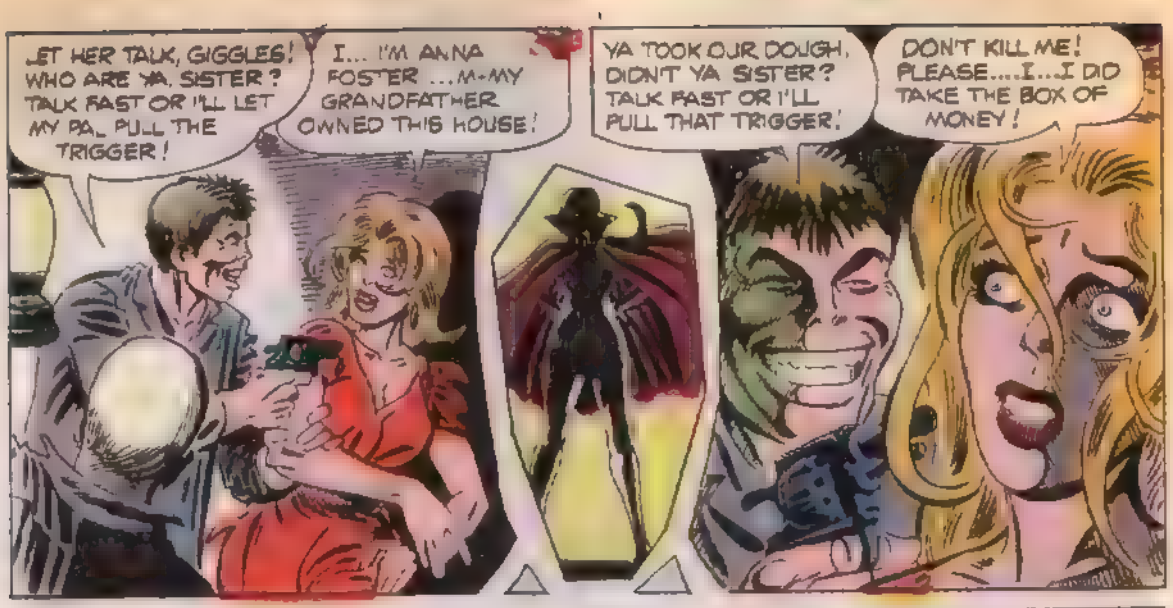
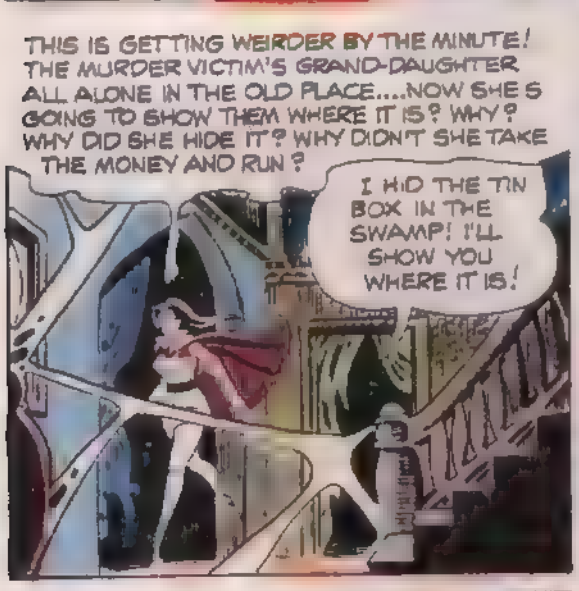
I KNOW RIGHT WHERE IT IS.... WAIT A MINUTE!
YEYEEE!!!!
SOMETHIN' BIT ME! IT MUST'VE BEEN A.... IT'S A BAT!
THE CASH BOX IS GONE, WHITEY! SOME DIRTY CROOK STOLE OUR MONEY!
LISTEN, WHITEY!
DON'T START HEARIN THINGS, GIGGLES!
HEAR IT? SOUNDS LIKE A KID CRYIN'....OR MAYBE A DAME!
I'LL STOP HER CRYIN' FER GOOD! I....
HOLD IT, GIGGLES! SOMEBODY TOOK THAT TIN BOX, RIGHT?


LET HER TALK, GIGGLES! WHO ARE YA, SISTER? TALK FAST OR I'LL LET MY PAL PULL THE TRIGGER!
I... I'M ANNA FOSTER ...M-MY GRANDFATHER OWNED THIS HOUSE!
YA TOOK OUR DOUGH, DIDN'T YA SISTER? TALK FAST OR I'LL PULL THAT TRIGGER!
DON'T KILL ME! PLEASE....I...I DID TAKE THE BOX OF MONEY!


THIS IS GETTING WEIRDER BY THE MINUTE! THE MURDER VICTIM'S GRAND-DAUGHTER ALL ALONE IN THE OLD PLACE....NOW SHE'S GOING TO SHOW THEM WHERE IT IS? WHY? WHY DID SHE HIDE IT? WHY DIDN'T SHE TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN?
I HID THE TIN BOX IN THE SWAMP! I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS!

SHOW US THE DOUGH AN' WE'LL TURN YA LOOSE, SISTER!
IT ISN'T FAR! OHHH....YOU'RE HURTING MY ARM!

GIGGLES KINDA ENJOYS HEARIN' PEOPLE CRY, BABY! JUST DO LIKE WE SAY AN' SAVE YERSELF A LOTTA GRIEF!
HEE HEE HEE HEE!

ANY ALLIGATORS OR SNAKES ALONG THIS PATH?
THEY WON'T BOTHER US WHILE WE GOT THE LIGHT, MISTER! IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE LANTERN....THEY'D COME AFTER US!

LEMME CARRY THE THE LANTERN AWHILE, WHITEY! IT AIN'T FAIR YA SHOULD DO ALL THE WORK!
OH NO! YOU KEEP AN EYE ON THE DAME...I DON'T MIND CARRYIN' THE LANTERN A BIT!
LOOK AT THAT THING. I'LL FIX IT.
YOU STIR-CRAZY MORON.... DON'T WASTE OUR LAST BULLETS ON THAT THING!
IT'S THIS DAME'S FAULT! YOU TRYIN' TA LEAD US INTO A TRAP, BABY?
OH, NO! WE'RE ALMOST THERE NOW!
DON'T FALL IN....THERE'S A HUGE GATOR IN THIS POOL.
MOVE FASTER.... THE LOG JUST CRACKED!
YEEOOWWW
DON'T LET THE LANTERN GET WET!
I FU-FELT SOMETHIN' ON MY LEG! WHAT'S THAT THING MOVIN' TOWARD ME?
GET OUT OF THE WATER! IT'S THE BIG 'GATOR I TOLD YOU ABOUT!
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GIMME THE LANTERN!
SHOOT IT, GIGGLES.... SHOOT IT QUICK!
YA WOULD'VE LET IT PULL ME UNDER, YA TWO-TIMIN' PUNK!
SHUT UP! WHERE'S THE DAME? SHE WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO.
IF SHE PULLS ANYTHING, I.....
SHE CAN'T BE FAR GIGGLES!
YA WEREN'T THERE A SECOND AGO. I OUGHTA BELT YOU IN THE MOUTH!
I WANTED TO BE SURE I TOOK YOU TO THE RIGHT PLACE. IT'S RIGHT OVER HERE.
A S-SNAKE... ..ANOTHER ONE!
THIS LITTLE ISLAND IS INFESTED WITH THEM! AND THERE ARE ALLIGATORS ALL AROUND..... WE'RE LUCKY WE'VE GOT THE LIGHT!
THE T'N BOX IS UNDER THAT ROCK SLAB!
YEAH? HOW DID YOU LIFT A ROCK THAT HEAVY?
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IT WAS ON EDGE...I PUT THE TIN BOX IN THE HOLD AND PUSHED THE ROCK SO IT FELL ACROSS IT! YOU TWO CAN LIFT THE ROCK!
HERE, HOLD THE LIGHT SISTER!
WHY IS THIS CHICK SO COOPERATIVE? DOES SHE WANT THESE TWO MURDERERS TO GET HER GRANDFATHER'S MONEY?
LIFT, WHITEY!
HOLD THE LIGHT CLOSER SO WE CAN SEE YA STUPID BROAD!
YOU'VE SEEN ALL YOU'LL EVER SEE, MISTER! YOUR LIGHT.....
HEY, WATCH IT, THE LANTERN...
...OH, NO!
SO SORRY.... IT SLIPPED OUT OF MY HAND!
TH-THE LANTERN... ...WE....WE'LL BE KILLED!
WHO ARE..../IT'S A GHOST!
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I WAS AMOS FOSTER'S WIFE YOU MURDERING FIENDS....NOW, I SHALL RETURN TO THE GRAVE WE SHARE....NOW, I CAN REST IN PEACE!
EEEEE!!!!!!
AAAAAAHHHH!!!
THEY DON'T HAVE THE LANTERN NOW, YOU SEE..... IT'S POSSIBLE THE SNAKES AND ALLIGATORS MAY NOT KILL THEM....FEAR CAN BE JUST AS DEADLY, YOU KNOW!
END

FINAL FATIGUE

People still say it was my fault and that I started everything. How ridiculous can one get? My job as a reporter who did big features was to get the news. That is how I came to cover the party given for Anne Malone. Her novel "Big Wind" was a top seller and Hollywood was buying the movie rights. She just happened also to be the niece of Professor Laurence Watkins, two-time Nobel Prize Winner. And that is how he came to be at the party.

Two days previously a big helicopter had crashed to the ground killing all occupants, including a five year old girl. Now what did I say to the Professor:

"Do you agree that the basic cause was metal fatigue?"

A pretty girl grabbed my arm. Maybe if I had gone with her, the Professor would not have answered. Or if he did — I would not have heard it. But those words came clearly from his lips in an instant retort:

"Absolutely! And furthermore, we are going to have a lot more of these so-called accidents. Buildings will collapse; boats will come apart; and railroads will disintegrate. The fatigue is like an illness. It is spreading."

So there was my feature story for the next issue of our newspaper. Even my editor grinned as he read it:

"With all the things going on today, this won't even scare the kids."

"He really means what he said," I insisted.

My editor gives me one of those hard looks and then throws me the challenge.

"Then get him to predict the next accident. Say, a big office building that will collapse. Then we will have the scoop of the century."

So two hours later I am in the Professor's study. He had read my article. And I told him of my mission. He puts a small gadget on his desk.

"This is a fatigue meter on which I am working," he informs me. "Isn't perfected yet. But it will give me a reading. We pick a building and I will give you my opinion."

We go to three office buildings. The last being the tall Hiller edifice only completed three years ago.

"In two days it will collapse," he tells me. "The framework is very tired."

So that makes the headlines. Our legal staff words it very carefully. But just the same there is the deuce to pay. The police want to know what kind of a publicity stunt this is. The Hiller Corporation says they are going to sue us. And so is the outfit that erected it. But just the same they evacuate the building and set up safety zones. And then it happens at 3:10 on that fateful Friday.

We were there with a lot of TV men and others. Then somebody gives a terrifying shout:

"The building is swaying! It's going to come down!"

The loudspeakers go into action. Fortunately, they were able to evacuate most of the people from the surrounding area so that the loss of life was kept down. Most of you have seen either the TV pictures or seen the stills in the papers. Of course there was panic in the country. The government gets the Professor but he wants me at his side. Then he makes his announcement.

"I am working on a serum to fight this metal fatigue. I will do the best I can. In the meanwhile I will try to tell you what will be next in this great tragedy that may destroy the world."

He only has that one fatigue meter and he shows me how to use it and interpret the readings. The rest you know. Buildings go down; bridges fall apart; boats vanish in the Atlantic and in the Pacific. And it spreads to other countries. Can our planet get this sickness and come apart?

He says to me that he thinks he has found the answer and in a short while the serum will be perfect. He better be right, otherwise this will be the final fatigue for this tired world. A bit of "irony" in it — nobody anticipated the end might come this way.

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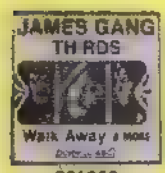

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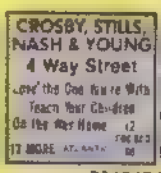

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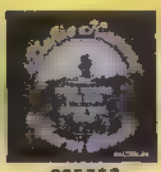
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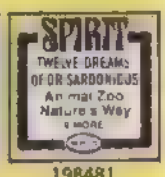

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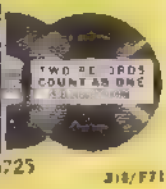

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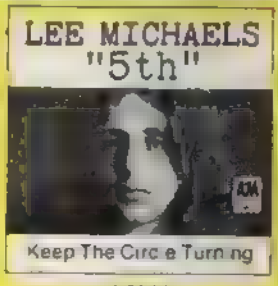

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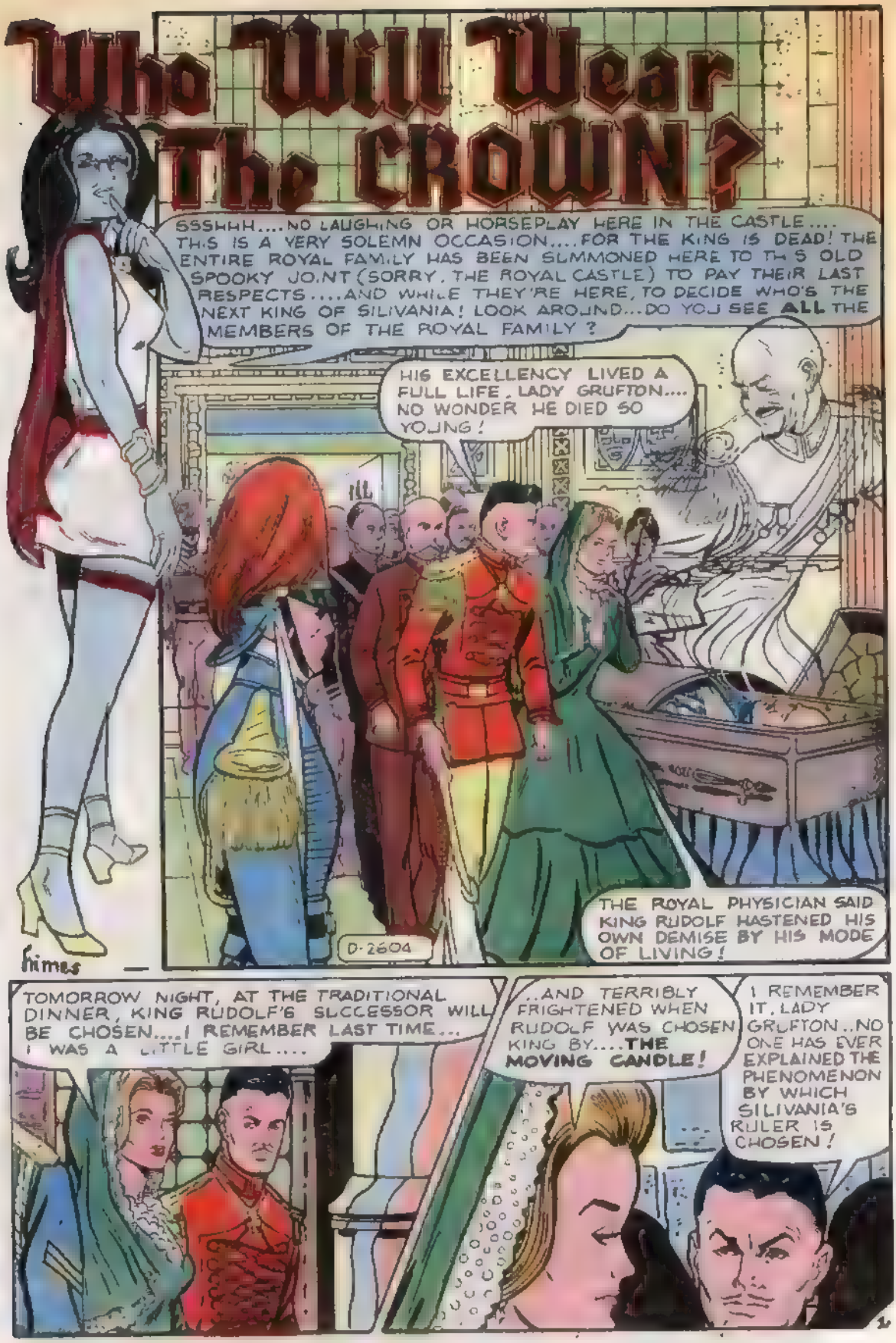
Who Will Wear The CROWN?
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HIS EXCELLENCY LIVED A FULL LIFE, LADY GRUFTON.... NO WONDER HE DIED SO YOUNG!
THE ROYAL PHYSICIAN SAID KING RUDOLF HASTENED HIS OWN DEMISE BY HIS MODE OF LIVING!
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TOMORROW NIGHT, AT THE TRADITIONAL DINNER, KING RUDOLF'S SUCCESSOR WILL BE CHOSEN....I REMEMBER LAST TIME... I WAS A LITTLE GIRL....
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I REMEMBER IT, LADY GRUFTON..NO ONE HAS EVER EXPLAINED THE PHENOMENON BY WHICH SILIVANIA'S RULER IS CHOSEN!

I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT LIKE TO WEAR THE CROWN, LADY GRUFTON! I AM PERFECTLY CONTENT TO LIVE SIMPLY, TEACHING SCHOOL AS I DO!
MY MOTHER SAID KING RUDOLF HAD BEEN A QUIET, DECENT MAN BEFORE HE WAS CHOSEN TO RULE!
FOR FIVE HUNDRED YEARS, EACH SUCCEEDING KING HAS BEHAVED REMARKABLY LIKE HIS PREDECESSORS! IT IS AS THOUGH THE CROWN ITSELF INSTILLS EVIL INTO ITS WEARER!
...BUT AFTER THE MOVING CANDLE CHOSE HIM FOR KING, HE CHANGED COMPLETELY! HE LIVED EVILLY, SQUANDERING OUR RESOURCES....
...HE WAS DETESTED BY EVERYONE!...
WHAT IS THIS 'PRESENCE' WANDERING THE HALLS OF SILIVANIA'S CASTLE? HE HAS THE APPEARANCE OF THE DECEASED KING....
I SHALL CHOOSE A YOUNG, VIRILE SUCCESSOR....PRINCE PAUL SEEMS A LIKELY LAD....
...AND LADY GRUFTON IS ALREADY HALF IN LOVE WITH HIM! I BELIEVE, AFTER I AM CORONATED AGAIN... I WILL MAKE HER MY QUEEN!
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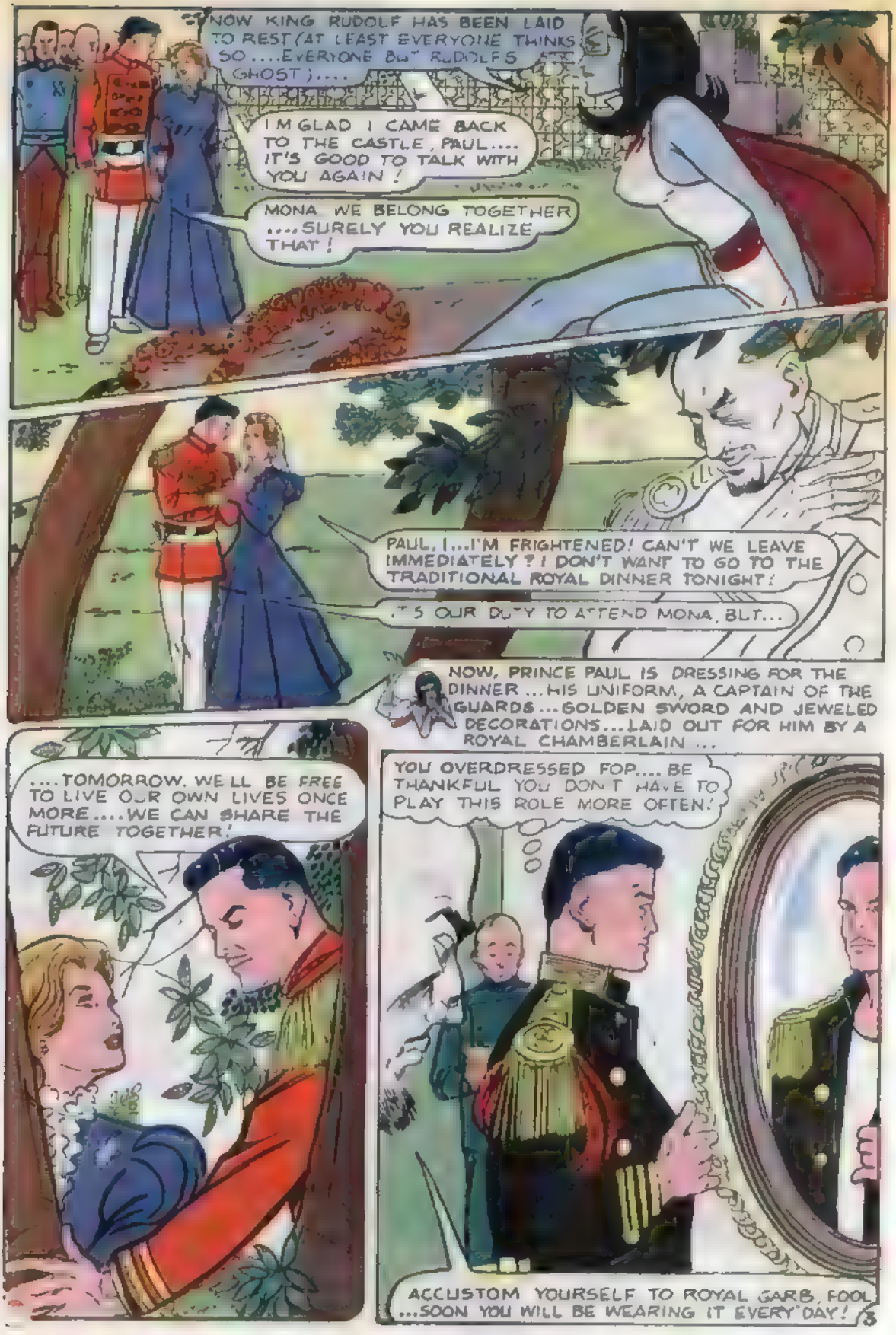
NOW KING RUDOLF HAS BEEN LAID TO REST (AT LEAST EVERYONE THINKS SO....EVERYONE BUT RUDOLF'S GHOST)....
I'M GLAD I CAME BACK TO THE CASTLE, PAUL.... IT'S GOOD TO TALK WITH YOU AGAIN!
MONA WE BELONG TOGETHER ....SURELY YOU REALIZE THAT!
PAUL, I...I'M FRIGHTENED! CAN'T WE LEAVE IMMEDIATELY? I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE TRADITIONAL ROYAL DINNER TONIGHT!
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I'M FRIGHTENED, PAUL! THIS TIARA HAS ALWAYS BEEN WORN BY A QUEEN OF SILIVANIA.... BUT IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ROOM WITH A NOTE ORDERING ME TO WEAR IT TONIGHT!
MY OWN ATTIRE IS UNUSUALLY FINE, MONA.... I'M BEGINNING TO WORRY! SOMETHING VERY STRANGE IS HAPPENING!
A TOAST.... BEFORE THE MOVING CANDLE SELECTS THE NEXT RULER OF SILIVANIA....
NOW... THE CEREMONY OF THE MOVING CANDLE WILL BEGIN!
TO OUR DEAR DEPARTED RULER... AND TO HIS SUCCESSOR!
HEAR, HEAR! I'LL DRINK TO THAT!
THERE IT IS....
REMEMBER.... WHOMEVER THE CANDLE SELECTS ....MUST RISE AND TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE CHAIR OF THE KING!

PAUL... THE CANDLE HAS PASSED ALL THE MEN EXCEPT....
THE MOVING CANDLE HAS STOPPED.... THE CHOICE HAS BEEN MADE! I TOAST THE NEXT KING OF SILIVANIA... PRINCE PAUL!!!
WAIT! THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE! I....
TO KING PAUL... OUR RULER!
OH, PAUL... I'M SO SORRY!
THIS HASN'T CHANGED ANYTHING, MONA.... I STILL CARE DEEPLY FOR YOU!
MONA.... WILL YOU SHARE THIS BURDEN I'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO BEAR?
I LOVE YOU, PAUL.... BUT I REFUSE TO MARRY YOU.... AND WATCH YOU CHANGE FROM WHAT YOU ARE.... TO WHAT KING RUDOLF BECAME BEFORE HE DIED!

NOW, PRINCE PAUL IS RETIRING...IN THE MORNING THE FORMAL CORONATION WILL TAKE PLACE.... HE'LL BE CROWNED KING BEFORE HE SLEEPS ANOTHER TRADITION IS OBSERVED.. CHAMPAGNE IS BROUGHT TO HIS BEDCHAMBER....
UGH.... CHAMPAGNE BEFORE GOING TO BED? I HATE WINE ANYHOW....
I COULDN'T SWALLOW ANY OF IT.... BITTER STUFF ANYWAY!
GOOD NIGHT EXCELLENCY!
NOW.. .PAUL THE SIMPLE FOOL, HAS BEEN DRUGGED....I WILL ENTER HIS BODY AND MIND JUST AS I DID RUDOLF'S FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.... AND I WILL LIVE ON...AS I HAVE FOR FIVE HUNDRED YEARS!!
YOU.... KING RUDOLF! BUT I.... I THOUGHT...
YOU THOUGHT CORRECTLY, FOOL, ..RUDOLF DID DIE BUT I....
....I THE FIRST KING OF SILIVANIA, WILL GO ON RULING....YOU CANNOT ESCAPE..., YOU WILL CEASE TO EXIST...I WILL ASSUME YOUR IDENTITY!
NO! GET AWAY....NOW I KNOW WHY KING RUDOLF CHANGED.... BECAME THE MONSTER THAT HE WAS BEFORE HIS DEATH!

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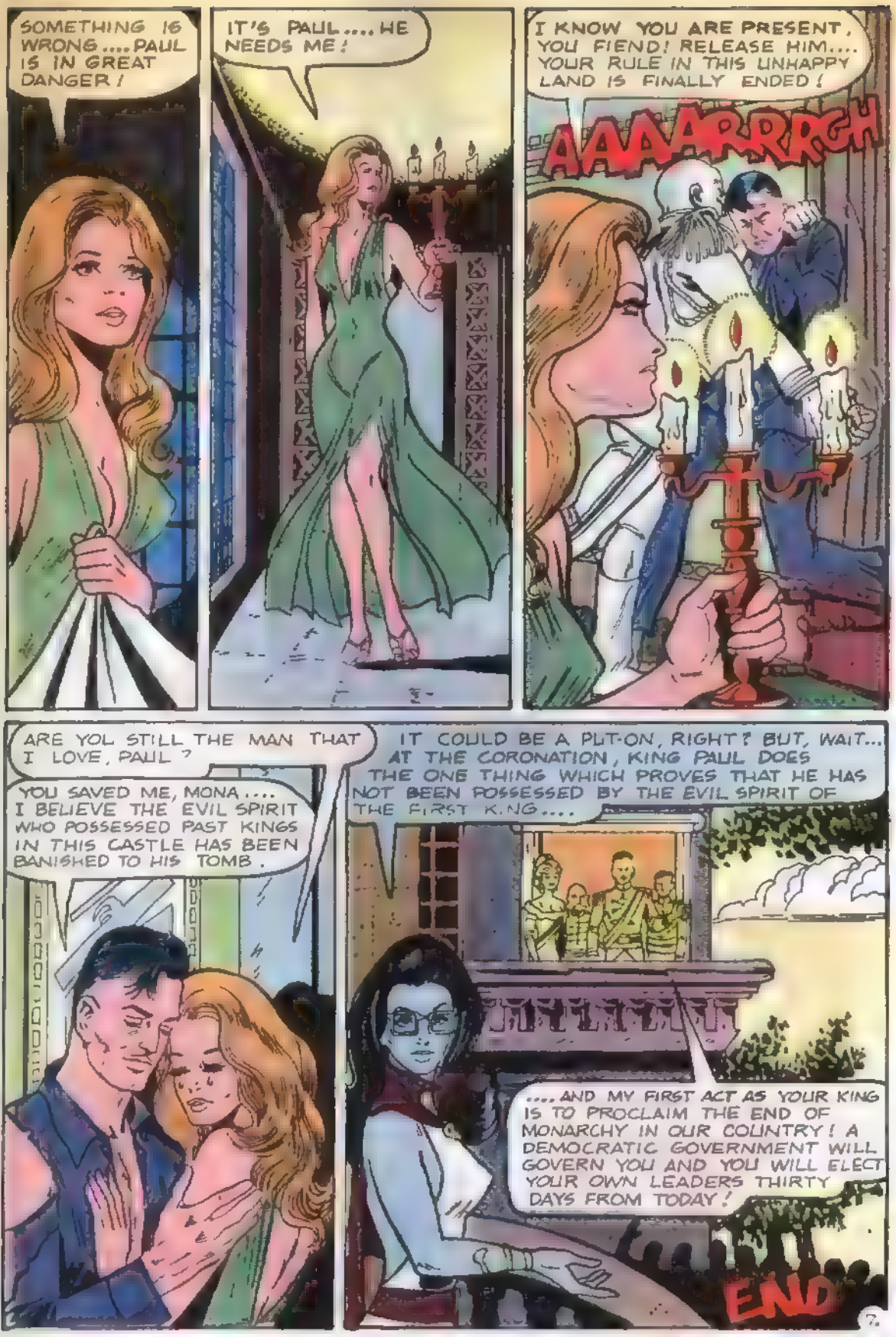
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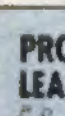

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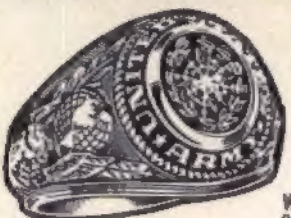

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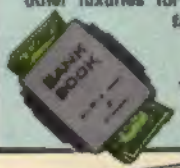

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